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THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDAMMAL SIMON : Actually it was found that we have a large amount of sharks. Even now we are not depending on Kerala. We are supplying to the factory in Kerala, which was once with Madras Government and we are also thinking of having a factory in Madras itself.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Prawns fetch a very good price and earn foreign exchange also. Have the Government undertaken any survey regarding exploitation of prawn fish?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : Prawns are available. The survey has done and now they are also being exported to other places.

Fishermen's Co-operative Society, Colachel

DEPUTY SPEAKER : As the hon. Member who gave notice of Q. No. 1837 is not in his seat, the question and answer will be printed in the proceedings.

* 1837 *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the President, Colachel Fishermen's Co-operative Society kept the funds of the Society in his personal custody, if so, for how long; and

(*b*) whether any interest thereon has been realised from him, and the amount so realised?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : (*a*) Yes, Sir. The President kept the funds of the Society in his custody from 9th September 1957 to 6th December 1958 with reference to the provisions in By-law No. 23 (*a*) of the Colachel Fishermen's Co-operative Society.

(*b*) No, Sir.

Asphalt Plants (Madras Corporation)

* 1838 *Q.*—SRI V. K. KRISHNAMURTHY (on behalf of SRI S. RANGANATHA MUDALIAR) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any of the Asphalt Plants owned by the Madras Corporation are financed by the Government; and

(*b*) whether the Corporation recently took on loan a hot-mix plant from the Government?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : (*a*) Four Asphalt Plants were purchased by the Corporation of Madras during 1946–50 out of the loan assistance given by the Government.

(b) the Corporation took out on hire, three portable hot-mix plants from the Highways Department of the Government during the period December 1960 to March 1961 for effecting urgent repairs to the City roads due to the heavy rains in November 1960.

Hospital (Kamayakavundanpatti)

* 1839 Q.—SRI M. D. THIAGARAJA PILLAI (on behalf of SRI N. R. THIAGARAJAN) : கனம் ரெவின்யூ அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) மதுரை ஜில்லா காமயகவுண்டன்பட்டி ஆஸ்பத்திரிக்கு எத்தனை நாளாக டாக்டர் இல்லை ?

(இ) அங்கு டாக்டர் நியமிக்காத காரணமென்ன ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (a) The rural dispensary at the place is under the control of the Madurai District Board and it was without a medical practitioner from 3rd August 1957 to 16th June 1961.

(b) The District Board could not get a practitioner for appointment in the dispensary.

Dhobi and Barber Communities

* 1840 Q.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state—

(a) the pattern of assistance to be given to persons belonging to Dhobi and Barber Communities; and

(b) the amount allotted for each district for the year 1961–62 for this purpose?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (a) & (b) Barber and Dhobi Communities have been included in the list of most Backward Classes and are eligible for the concessions allowed to these classes. The Member seems to refer to the scheme for the grant of loans to the backward and eligible community people engaged in hair dressing, laundrying or tailoring for establishing their business. This scheme was tried as an experimental measure in Salem district during 1960–61. The pattern of assistance to be adopted during 1961–62 and the amounts to be set apart for each district are under consideration.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Is it not a fact that these Barber and Dhobi Community boys, even though ranked as the most backward community, enjoys the same facilities as are now being enjoyed by the Scheduled Caste boys?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : Only in the matter of educational concessions.